

Crime In Nebraska 2016

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2.0% INCREASE IN CRIME IN 2016

The number of crimes reported to Nebraska law enforcement agencies has increased 2.0% in 2016 compared to 2015. There were 46,560 crimes reported during January through December of 2016, compared to 46,632 reported during the same period of 2015, an increase of 928 crimes. These numbers include only the crimes of Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson which serve as the *Crime Index* used to measure crime statewide.

Violent crimes (Murder-Manslaughter, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) increased 8.4%. There were 5,193 violent crimes reported in 2016 compared to 4,791 reported in 2015, an increase of 402 crimes.

Property crimes (Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson) increased 1.3%. There were 42,367 property crimes reported in 2016 compared to 41,841 reported in 2015, an increase of 526 crimes.

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Crime Index Offenses, 2015 - 2016

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	2015	2016	% Change
Violent Crimes	4,791	5,193	8.4%
Murder - Manslaughter	65	51	-21.5%
*Forcible Rape	658	801	21.7%
Robbery	991	935	-5.7%
Aggravated Assault	3,077	3,406	10.7%
Property Crimes	41,841	42,367	1.3%
Burglary	6,239	6,265	0.4%
Larceny-Theft	31,413	31,224	-0.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,908	4,650	19.0%
Arson	281	228	-18.9%
Total	46,632	47,560	2.0%

** Part of the increase is due to the broadened definition required by the FBI.*

The following Population Groups saw changes in their crime rates for 2016 compared to 2015: 400,000 & over increased 3.9%; 250,000 to 399,999 decreased 3.4%; 5,000 to 99,999 increased 3.7%; Under 5,000 increased 4.1% and Counties increased 0.1%. State Properties had an increased in their crime rates from 2015 to 2016 by 20.8%.

Percent Change - Crime Index Offenses
January thru December, 2015 - 2016 by Population Groups*

	Population Group		Murder, Man- slaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent (Total)	Burglary	Larceny Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Property (Total)	Grand Total
Police Departments	400,000 & Over	2015	48	174	655	1,452	2,329	2,160	11,558	2,543	82	16,343	18,672
		2016	29	245	610	1,647	2,531	2,111	11,571	3,125	68	16,875	19,406
		% Change	-39.6%	40.8%	-6.9%	13.4%	8.7%	-2.3%	0.1%	22.9%	-17.1%	3.3%	3.9%
	250,000 to 399,999	2015	1	193	214	617	1025	1,328	7,344	361	100	9,133	10,158
		2016	11	222	191	583	1007	1,261	7,117	352	80	8,810	9,817
		% Change	1000.0%	15.0%	-10.7%	-5.5%	-1.8%	-5.0%	-3.1%	-2.5%	-20.0%	-3.5%	-3.4%
	5,000 to 99,999	2015	6	193	87	505	791	1,489	8,666	542	52	10,749	11,540
		2016	4	202	98	599	903	1,668	8,686	660	53	11,067	11,970
		% Change	-33.3%	4.7%	12.6%	18.6%	14.2%	12.0%	0.2%	21.8%	1.9%	3.0%	3.7%
	Under 5,000	2015	1	22	3	77	103	155	719	70	9	953	1056
		2016	1	17	6	98	122	183	722	67	5	977	1099
		% Change	N/A	-22.7%	N/A	27.3%	18.4%	18.1%	0.4%	-4.3%	-44.4%	2.5%	4.1%
Other	Counties	2015	7	66	32	407	512	1,074	2,880	421	35	4,410	4,922
		2016	6	100	27	455	588	1,027	2,857	432	21	4,337	4,925
		% Change	-14.3%	51.5%	-15.6%	11.8%	14.8%	-4.4%	-0.8%	2.6%	-40.0%	-1.7%	0.1%
	* State Property	2015	1	8	2	6	17	22	232	10	3	267	284
		2016	0	15	3	24	42	15	271	14	1	301	343
		% Change	-100.0%	87.5%	50.0%	300.0%	147.1%	-31.8%	16.8%	40.0%	N/A	12.7%	20.8%
Total	2015	64	656	993	3,064	4,777	6,228	31,399	3,947	281	41,855	46,632	
	2016	51	801	935	3,406	5,193	6,265	31,224	4,650	228	42,367	47,560	
	% Change	-20.3%	22.1%	-5.8%	11.2%	8.7%	0.6%	-0.6%	17.8%	-18.9%	1.2%	2.0%	

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Total Arrests Increased 1.1% in 2016

The total number of persons arrested in Nebraska during 2016 increased from 70,706 in 2015 to 71,478 in 2016, an increase of 772 arrests. The top five categories in terms of the number of arrests made for specific crimes were: Driving Under the Influence (7,425 arrests), Drug Abuse Violations (12,415), Liquor Law Violations (5,217), Larceny-Theft (9,138), and Simple Assault (8,439). The total number of adult arrests (age 18 and over) increased 2.5%, from 60,511 in 2015 to 62,015 in 2016. The total number of juvenile arrests decreased 7.2%, from 10,195 in 2015 to 9,463 in 2016.

Total Arrest Trends, 2015 - 2016

Offense	Under 18 Years of Age			18 Years of Age and Over			Total		
	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
Murder - Manslaughter	6	5	-16.7%	35	35	0.0%	41	40	-2.4%
Death by Negligence	0	0	N/A	8	0	-100.0%	8	0	-100.0%
Forcible Rape	22	57	159.1%	180	200	11.1%	202	257	27.2%
Robbery	69	54	-21.7%	279	248	-11.1%	348	302	-13.2%
Aggravated Assault	105	70	-33.3%	1,721	1,369	-20.5%	1,826	1,439	-21.2%
Burglary	206	109	-47.1%	478	499	4.4%	684	608	-11.1%
Larceny-Theft	2,133	2,153	0.9%	6,797	6,985	2.8%	8,930	9,138	2.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	84	117	39.3%	293	307	4.8%	377	424	12.5%
Arson	40	27	-32.5%	39	30	-23.1%	79	57	-27.8%
Simple Assault	1,456	1,387	-4.7%	5,640	7,052	25.0%	7,096	8,439	18.9%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	8	7	-12.5%	339	273	-19.5%	347	280	-19.3%
Fraud	69	78	13.0%	1,302	1,338	2.8%	1,371	1,416	3.3%
Embezzlement	8	15	87.5%	63	85	34.9%	71	100	40.8%
Stolen Property Offenses	107	89	-16.8%	546	570	4.4%	653	659	0.9%
Vandalism	686	673	-1.9%	1,531	1,579	3.1%	2,217	2,252	1.6%
Weapons Violations	115	94	-18.3%	991	1,042	5.1%	1,106	1,136	2.7%
Prostitution/Commercial. Vice	2	0	N/A	153	131	-14.4%	155	131	-15.5%
Sex Offenses	108	99	-8.3%	345	371	7.5%	453	470	3.8%
Drug Abuse Violations	1,444	1,346	-6.8%	10,665	11,069	3.8%	12,109	12,415	2.5%
Gambling	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
Offenses Ag. Family/Children	7	27	285.7%	1,204	1,255	4.2%	1,211	1,282	5.9%
Driving Under the Influence	115	114	-0.9%	8,091	7,311	-9.6%	8,206	7,425	-9.5%
Liquor Law Violations	953	719	-24.6%	4,780	4,498	-5.9%	5,733	5,217	-9.0%
Intoxication	0	0	N/A	2	0	-100.0%	2	0	-100.0%
Disorderly Conduct	568	435	-23.4%	2,122	2,316	9.1%	2,690	2,751	2.3%
Vagrancy / Loitering	0	0	N/A	16	14	-12.5%	16	14	-12.5%
All Other Offenses	1,418	1,353	-4.6%	12,891	13,438	4.2%	14,309	14,791	3.4%
Curfew / Loitering (Juveniles Only)	142	144	1.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	142	144	1.4%
Runaways (Juveniles Only)	324	291	-10.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	324	291	-10.2%
Total	10,195	9,463	-7.2%	60,511	62,015	2.5%	70,706	71,478	1.1%

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A REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES IN NEBRASKA

With the passage of Legislative Bill 90 in 1997, commonly referred to as the Hate Crime Bill, the Crime Commission developed a system for reporting hate crimes. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily submit quarterly reports to the Commission on the number of hate crime incidents. If a hate crime has been committed, they report the type of crime committed a general description of the location, and the type of bias motivation.

During 2016, there were a total of 26 incidents reported from 17 agencies involving crimes motivated by hate. There were 19 incidents reported from 3 agencies in 2015. The types of bias motivation are provided below.

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Type of Bias	2015	2016	% Change
Racial	9	14	55.6%
White	0	3	N/A
Black	6	10	66.7%
American Indian	0	0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1	0.0%
Multi-Racial	2	0	-100.0%
Ethnicity / National Origin	1	5	400.0%
Hispanic	1	3	200.0%
Other Ethnicity	0	1	N/A
Arab	0	1	
Religious	1	5	N/A
Jewish	1	1	N/A
Islamic	0	2	N/A
Protestant	0	0	N/A
Catholic	0	0	N/A
Other Religion	0	2	
Sexual	8	2	-75.0%
Male Homosexual	2	0	-100.0%
Female Homosexual	1	1	0.0%
Anti-Homosexual (LGBT)	2	1	-50.0%
Anti-Bisexual	2	0	N/A
Anti-Transgender	1	0	N/A
Total	19	26	36.8%

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The general location where the hate crimes occurred and the type of crime committed are provided below.

Location	2015	2016	% Change
Church	1	1	N/A
Commercial (Bar, Restaurant, Store)	4	6	50%
Public Area (Street, Park, etc.)	4	9	125%
Residence	4	2	-50%
School/College	4	0	-100%
Other	2	8	300%
Total	19	26	37%

The general types of hate crimes committed are provided below.

Type of Crime	2015	2016	% Change
Aggravated Assault	2	2	0.0%
Simple Assault	7	12	71.4%
Intimidation	2	3	50.0%
Robbery	0	1	N/A
Burglary / Theft	1	0	-100.0%
Destruction of Property	7	7	0.0%
Kidnapping	0	1	N/A
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